



Montana State  
Trauma Care  
Committee

**November 14, 2005 Minutes**

**Members**

**Present:** Jim Bentler, Tim Sinton, Joseph Hanson, Kirby Peden

**Absent:** Mike McGree, Brad Pickhardt, Greg Moore, Charles Swannack, John Bleicher, Mike Orcutt, Pauline Linnell, Randall Colmes, William Taylor

**GUESTS:** Richard Mickelson, Stuart Reynolds, Elaine Schuchard, Jim DeTienne, Kim Todd, Pamela LaFontaine, Ron Martin, Sally Buckles, Dayle Perrin, Penny Clifton, Connie Stone, Dennis Maier, Lyndy Gurchiek, Jennie Nemec, Jay Pottenger, Earl Hall, Linda McKenna, Mark Peck, Bill Sacco, Bob Waddell, Mick Navin

**Handouts:** Agenda  
Minutes August 8, 2005 meeting  
2006 STCC Calendar  
Trauma Registry Reports  
Fundamentals of Medical Planning  
HRSA National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program  
Montana Healthcare Mutual Aid System Mutual Aid Agreement, August 2005

**NOTE:** There were no sub-committee meetings prior to the meeting, due to inclement weather preventing so many from attending.  
Dennis Maier chaired the meeting, per chairman Mike Orcutt's prior request.

All meeting attendees were introduced and signed the Confidentiality Statement.

**Discussion**

Previous Minutes

**Summary**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Discussion**

STCC Appointments

**Summary**

The Governor has made no appointments to the STCC.  
The Governor requires a minimum of two names for each position to choose from. Not all the open representative positions had two people to choose from. Vacant STCC representative positions are: American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), Montana Medical Association (MMA), and Central Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC).

**Discussion**

Disaster Education &  
Medical Planning  
Stuart Reynolds, MD

**Summary**

Reviewed Fundamentals of Medical Planning presentation given by Dr. Reynolds highlighted mass casualty incident (MCI) planning including triage, decontamination, the need to use your resources effectively. Recommendation made for doing drills with all key resources in a community participating and the use of moulaged people to obtain best evaluation results.

Discussion points included: JCAHO has mandated interoperability of disaster equipment, but most facilities in MT do not have this accreditation; mutual aid agreements and a one number call system or central communication center to assist with MCIs and other incidents.

**Discussion**

EMS System Update  
Jim DeTienne

**Summary**

A review of Montana Health Information and Resource Management System (HIRMS), being developed by the State and Gold Systems, included purposes of the modular system, integration with other databases, costs and proposed system enhancements was given. One module would be a statewide web-based database to assist in identifying facility and EMS resources that could be used in the event of a disaster. Benefits include no maintenance costs and no software currently available to perform all these applications.

The Lifeguard project, developed by NASA, is being currently being tested in the Western region.

The State executive planning process and plans for the next legislative session is starting. Items the EMSTS are considering include; recruitment/retention of EMTs, EMT retirement, EMT tax incentive bill, regional coordinators, and trauma and EMS statute updates.

**Discussion**

Trauma System Update  
Kim Todd

**Summary**

Jennie Nemec, RN was welcomed as a contractor for the EMSTS. Jennie has been involved in MT trauma system since the inception and is a valuable addition to the trauma program. Suggested goals and major priorities for the program were discussed and agreed upon. Kim will focus on completion of the trauma rules, facility trauma consultation visits, and initiate trauma center designations.

Jennie will focus on the trauma registry and coordination efforts with emergency preparedness efforts.

EMSTS will take more of a facilitation role for education offerings but will continue to place a high priority on funding for regional educational offerings.

**Discussion**

Trauma Registry Reports  
Jennie Nemec / Pamela  
LaFountaine

**Summary**

Review of the trauma registry reports. Clarification questions will be addressed in future reports.

Montana has not provided data to the National Trauma Data Bank (NTDB) due problems with the Business Associate Agreement between the American College of Surgeons and the State. Kim is responsible for follow-up with the goal of MT submitting data in 2006.

A new Collector report writer, easier to use will be provided to Montana Collector software users. There will be a training session to go with it on February 14, 2006. The day after the next State trauma meeting.

**Discussion**  
RTAC Reports

**Summary**  
**Western** – No report due to weather preventing attendance.

**Central** – Tim Sinton reported Central RTAC needs a new representative for the STCC. CRTAC has hosted the following courses: ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support), TNCC (Trauma Nurse Core Course), and PHTLS (Prehospital Trauma Life Support). No case reviews were done.

**Eastern** – reported by Penny Clifton, 6 facilities were represented at the last meeting. 2006 Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium (RMRTS) will be September 14-15 in Billings hosted by the Eastern region. Effects of Hurricane Katrina on services, personnel, and disaster plans was discussed. The Simulaid mannequin needs more training on how to use by educators to support use in trauma education. Education provided since last report: audit tools by Tana Todd, Dr. Peden's intraosseous demonstration, peer review needs, and cervical spine care guidelines. Two case reviews completed.

**Discussion**  
SACCO Triage System

**Summary**  
Review of this triage system was given by the developers. This is an evidence based, outcome driven method by Dr. Sacco, a mathematician instrumental in the development of trauma scoring. The objective of this system is to maximize your efforts to improve patient survival. This method was demonstrated and tested at the last MEMSA conference. More information will be provided and evaluation and consideration of this new system will be undertaken at a future time.

**Discussion**  
Disaster Education &  
Planning  
Earl Hall

**Summary**  
Earl provided some information on the recent multi-state disaster preparedness grant awarded to St. Vincent's HealthCare foundation for education and their interest in coordinating efforts to utilize these funds. The development of a DMAT or strike team for the State is an interest but federal funding is currently not available. The possibility of using some of these funds for this purpose was discussed. Jennie Nemec is responsible to research the process and resources and report back to the committee.

**Discussion**  
Sub-committee Report  
Legislation & Public  
Advocacy  
Jim Bentler, MD

**Summary**  
Dr. Bentler addressed the need to develop a trauma business plan to include the regional coordinators positions considered is a priority. Kim and Jim are responsible to provide a draft plan at the next STCC to help with identifying on issues for the Stakeholders meeting on June 19, 2006 and the next legislative session.

**Discussion**

Next Meeting

**Summary**

The 2006 STCC dates were agreed upon.

The dates are February 13, May 8, August 14, and November 13.

Discussion on the use of tele-medicine / METNET for future meeting was held. The State will attempt to obtain this option for meeting participation for next year and use will be evaluated.

Question: How and when sub-committee meetings going to be held will need to be determined.